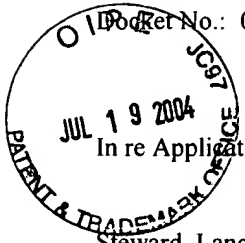


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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
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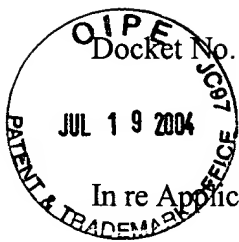
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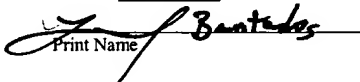
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Responsive to the final Office Action mailed April 22, 2004, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.